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## COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS.

### NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

#### Fork.

Miss Coleen Bethea of Greensboro, N. C., is spending some time at home with her mother.

Mr. C. E. Taylor spent last Tuesday and Wednesday in Charleston on business.

Miss Irene Sinclair of Mullins is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Edgar Jones and baby of Laurinburg, N. C., spent last week here with Mr. and Mrs. Martin McQueen.

Mrs. Bensch returned to Southport, N. C., after an extended visit here with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Carmichael and children and Neil McCallum of Rowland, N. C., Miss Marion and Roderick Carmichael of Washington spent Sunday here.

#### Lake View.

Mrs. C. M. Shackelford and children of Darlington have been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Rouse.

Mrs. J. G. Tingen and little Miss Margaret of Burlington, N. C., are spending the week with Mrs. J. T. Townsend.

L. G. Miller and J. T. Hankins spent Monday in Florence.

Mrs. J. E. Hudson and Miss Hudson left Wednesday for their home at Kinston, N. C.

Mr. W. M. Gaddy and Leon and Carroll Gaddy are in Hendersonville for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Powell and Miss Lizzie Powell spent last week end with friends in Lumberton and Orrum, N. C.

Misses Randolph and Bagley are visiting Mrs. R. F. Elvington.

Mrs. Emerson Scott and children of Marion spent part of last week with Mrs. Thomas.

Mr. Wade Temple and Misses Christine and Allmae Temple are at Wrightsville Beach for some time.

Miss Rachael Powell is home from Richmond, Va.

Miss Edna Norman is visiting Miss Edna Wallace at Johnsonville.

#### Carolina News.

Miss Mary McKinnon returned Sunday from a two weeks visit to her sister, Mrs. Jim McQueen of Rowland, N. C.

Mrs. Gus Alford of Dillon is spending some time with relatives here.

Miss Lola Bennett has recently returned from a visit to her uncle, W. J. Stone of Raeford, N. C.

Miss Margaret McLaurin of Wesley is visiting relatives here.

Rev. and Mrs. Neill McInnis and little daughters of Kannapolis, N. C., are spending several days at the home of his mother, Mrs. C. M. McInnis.

Little Miss Lucy Bennett is on a visit to her little cousin, Mary Ruth McQueen of Rowland, N. C.

On Saturday July 17 the Woman's Auxiliary of Carolina church will give a picnic on the grounds to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization. There will be appropriate exercises in the morning and a silver offering will be taken. A real picnic dinner will be served and every one is cordially invited to come.

Miss Agnes Robertson of Rowland, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. D. B. McInnis.

Mr. John Norton of Clinton, S. C., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton.

Born on July 4th to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McInnis, a son.

Miss Elizabeth Alford of Raleigh, N. C., spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. R. S. Cottingham.

#### Sellers

Your correspondent had the pleasure of attending the Marion County Interdenominational Sunday School Convention at Nebo on last Sunday, July 11th. Nebo is twenty miles below the town of Marion. We traveled over splendid roads all the way. About two miles from Nebo a polite little white boy opened the gate and turned us into the "big pasture." We found that the "stock law" is a burning issue with the people in the "big pasture," they believe in fencing their farms and turning their stock at large on their magnificent pasture lands. They will certainly be independent of the boll weevil down there with their fine fishing grounds and excellent pasturage. They can feed themselves and the balance of Marion county. The county is divided up into small farms, each man owning and working his farm. Very few negroes were seen. They consolidated several small schools and have a fine two story school building, employing five teachers. It was difficult to find a seat in their neat little church. Their pastor lives next door to the church. The people are noted for their hospitality. They certainly know how to make you feel at home. The convention itself was splendid with its good speeches and large number of delegates.

Miss Ruth Sellers has returned from Tryon, N. C., where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. W. D. Sellers and family with Mr. Ernest Page and family spent the week end at Cherry Grove Beach.

Miss Mattie Price has returned to her home at Rocky Mount, N. C. Miss Price was the primary teacher here last year.

## MARION MAN IN TROUBLE.

A dispatch from Richmond, Va., says:

J. B. Coleman, farmer, 46 years old of Marion county, S. C., near Centenary was arrested here last night on a white slave charge, the allegation being that he brought Lula James, 18 years old of the same neighbor hood, to Richmond last week in violation of the Mann act. The case went over until July 16, when called today, Coleman and the girl were trailed here by her brother, who said today that he and other members of the family were under the way to Richmond to be married. A letter written home by the girl, he said, conveyed the information that such was not the case.

## GIVES VIEWS ON ROAD QUESTION.

Commissioner Hayes Suggests Plans for Improving Public Highways.

Editor Dillon Herald: There is probably a greater demand in Dillon county today than ever before and not only in Dillon county but the entire state for good roads, and after having served nearly five years on the Board of County Commissioners and having carefully studied the road problem from every angle that I possibly could, I am thoroughly convinced that under our present system of working the roads that we will never have good roads in this county. In the first place there are quite a number of roads in the county that have never been built by the county; the stumps have never been taken up, and it is impossible to use a road machine on these roads. The people living on these roads pay their road tax, as others do and the money goes into the county fund and the result is that no work at all is done on these roads. A lot of them are mere cart paths. Then a good number of the roads which have been built by the county are growing up with trees on either side, so that it will only be a few years before those trees overlap the roads. It is impossible for the small chain gang that the county has to do the work that is necessary to be done. And in order to relieve the situation I think our road law should be revised or amended so as to require five days labor in each year from all persons liable to road duty or in lieu thereof a sufficient amount of money to get five days labor, and this to be expended on the roads from whence it came. By doing this the bad places in the roads could be repaired and the roads kept open. I also think we should have a tax on the hoof and the wheel. This is just and fair, every man ought to be willing to pay for the up keep of the road in proportion to the use he makes of it. Some people use the road but very little, while others make their living on the road and contribute very little to its up keep. I am also in favor of a law allowing each township to issue bonds for good roads. That would not be compulsory, but a privilege if they desired to do so. If our delegation at the next session of the legislature would pass an act along the line I have suggested I think it would greatly relieve the road situation.

Respectfully,  
C. P. HAYES.

## Cuts Strips of Flesh from Thigh and Graft them Onto Wife's Foot.

Chicago, July 9.—With steady hand, nerve, going about his business as if he were performing the simplest of operations, Dr. Oslando P. Scott, a well known surgeon of Chicago, today cut strip after strip of flesh from his own thigh and grafted them into his wife's foot and ankle as he rested on a portable table at his wife's bedside.

The entire operation was performed without a single administration of an anesthetic in the presence of a number of physician and nurses. Sobs came from different parts of the room as Dr. Scott, without so much as a wince of pain, drove the surgeon's knife into his own flesh and then speedily grafted the strips upon his wife's limbs.

A fellow physician stood by him to dress his wounds. Several times as Dr. Scott drove the knife into his thighs he turned to the witnesses of the operation explaining technical points of the operation to them. Many were blinded with tears.

Dr. Scott's act of self-sacrifice and heroism was performed to save his wife from disfigurement and possible loss of her right leg. Mrs. Scott was injured in an automobile accident six weeks ago. Her right leg was crushed and the flesh stripped from it in long gashes. Gangrene set in later, and in order to avoid amputation, a skin grafting operation was decided upon.

## Services at Methodist Church.

Main street Methodist church, Dr. Watson D. Duncan, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. W. H. Muller, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject: "The Larger Christ." Evening Subject: "The Peril of the Unemployed." Prayer service on Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. Public cordially invited to all services.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. S. Chandler and children returned from Lowrys-ville Monday after a visit of a few weeks.

## MANY MEET AT REEDY CREEK.

Dillon County Short Course for Club Members Big Success.

If ever a meeting has been held which furnished recreation, information and pleasure for the farm boys and girls of Dillon county, the short course for club members which has just come to a close at Reedy Creek Springs falls in this class.

The business men of the county were kind and generous enough to furnish the groceries and food supplies for the club members, and this feature was in no way a small part of the successful meeting.

The boys and girls were quartered in the hotel and pavilion at the springs and were under the supervision of the able and efficient county farm and home demonstration agents. The boys and girls are very much indebted to, and are due a great deal of appreciation for the excellent program and plans furnished by Miss Sellers and Mr. Epps.

A get-together meeting like this will have a great influence upon the lives of these young farmer boys and girls, about 65 of whom attended. When a young generation of men and women, who have been trained as these boys and girls were during their stay at the springs, comes into control of the community activities of the various communities in a county, a great effect is bound to be produced.

Instructions were given the girls in canning, sewing, cooking and many practical demonstrations were given by Miss Sellers, Home Demonstration Agent of Dillon county, Miss Earl, Home Demonstration Agent of Marlboro county and Miss McPherson, Home Demonstration Agent of Marion county. Instructions were given the boys along the following lines: Improving Farm Crops, Field Selection of Seed Corn, Common Diseases of Livestock, Care of the Brood Sow and Litter, Feeding Hogs, Boys' Agricultural Club Work, The Value of a College Education, The Boll Weevil Problem and the Cotton Association, and other important topics.

The boys and girls were permitted to indulge in valuable pastime and forms of recreation to a great extent, realizing that the country boys and girls need recreation and social contact.

On Friday, the last of the three days the short course was held, the day was devoted to a meeting of club members and grown-ups and the farmers' wives of the county. A large number were present on this day, probably totaling 400 or 500. Reedy Creek Springs furnishes a very fine place for a meeting of this sort, as there are no functions to attract the attention of the club members outside of the normal procedure planned by the authorities in charge, and it is hoped that this very valuable training will be continued, and that many more boys and girls will enlist as members of the great army of junior farmers, and that when they become grown-up farmers they will put into practice the object lessons taught them at such meetings.

Some of the workers present to assist in giving instruction to the boys were: D. W. Watkins, Assistant Director of Extension, Clemson College; A. F. Conradi, professor in Entomology, Clemson College; L. L. Baker, Supervising Agent Boys' club work, Bishopville; B. O. Williams, Assistant State Boys' Club Agent; George E. Prince, Horticulturist, Clemson College; S. E. Evans, County Agent of Marlboro county; Colvin McLaurin, County Agent of Marion County; Paul H. Sanders, Associate Editor The Southern Ruralist, Atlanta, Ga. These men gave most helpful and practical talks to the boys. It is hoped that every boy and girl who enjoyed this valuable short course in agriculture and home economics, will talk it over with their neighbor boys and girls and emphasize the great importance of such a meeting to the county.

## GRAND JURY FINDS "NO BILL" IN SIMONS CASE.

There was no court Monday but court was opened Tuesday morning with Judge Edward McIver on the bench. There was no jury trial, but several plead guilty.

The grand jury spent a large part of the day investigating the charge of rape against Joe Simons, the young telegraph operator. The young lady in the case, her parents and all other available witnesses for the state were called before the grand jury and carefully questioned. The young lady was not at court Monday morning, but Solicitor Spears sent the sheriff bringing her to court, where she was questioned by the solicitor and the grand jury. She said she would be sixteen years old next September and her testimony was conflicting as to her relations with Joe Simons. Her parents said they thought she would be fourteen years old next September. Records of the Bennettsville graded school were produced showing that she was in school ten years ago.

About 7 p. m. Tuesday, the grand jury brought in "no bill" in this case, and Judge McIver ordered Simons discharged.

His father, sister, and aunt, from Richmond, Va., were in the court room during the day Tuesday.

The young lady and her parents were also in the court room part of the day. She and her parents left the court room before the grand jury's return was made.

It is understood that the solicitor would have not pressed the Simons case if the grand jury had found a true bill—Pee Dee Advocate.

## COURT COMMON PLEAS.

Two Long Cases Consumed First Half of the Week.

Court of Common Pleas convened Monday with Judge McIver presiding. Stenographer James Kilgo was at his post. The first half of the week was taken up with two cases and there are many cases on the calendar that will not be reached at this term.

The first case to come up Monday was that of W. P. Rose, a contractor of Goldsboro, N. C., against the Dillon Methodist church. Rose had a contract to build the first church. The trustees paid him all of the contract price except \$2600 which they held back as a bond under the specifications to guarantee that the work was done in the proper manner, Rose having refused to give bond. The trustees refused to pay him any part of the \$2600, claiming certain defects in the construction of the building, in that he had failed to waterproof the cellar, used brick bats in the walls and used wood blocks instead of brick in the pillars. The roof, it was alleged, was 18 inches lower than the specifications called for. Rose brought suit to recover the \$2600 and the jury gave him \$2000 without interest. In arguing the case before the jury Mr. Muller, representing the defendant trustees, said the church wanted to pay what it owed, and the whole case was merely a misunderstanding as to the amount due the plaintiff. He said the conclusions of the jury would be final and there would be no appeal.

The next case was that of Walter Stackhouse and the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Marion against Mike Carmichael. Several years ago Carmichael & Co., bought timber on the Carmichael land together with easements for a railroad, etc. The timber was cut in 1908 or 1909. Carskaddon & Co. went into bankruptcy in 1913. At the bankrupt sale Stackhouse bought the bankrupt's property, including the 2 1-2 miles of railroad iron in question. The timber was bought under two contracts, one expiring November 1914 and the other April 1916. The latter contract allowed 90 days after the expiration of the 10 year period in which to remove structures and fixtures. There was no such provision in the other contract. It is claimed that Stackhouse made no attempt to remove the rail in the period provided by the terms of the contract. Both leases having expired Carmichael sold the rail and was delivering it to the purchaser when suit was brought by plaintiffs to recover. On the former trial the court directed a verdict in favor of Carmichael. On appeal the court held that plaintiff's interest under the 90 day term had been forfeited, and that under the other contracts there was a like forfeiture if more than a reasonable time had expired in which to remove the rail, and that title, under such circumstances, was in Carmichael unless he had waived the forfeiture. The supreme court sent the case back for a new trial in order that the jury might pass on the question of reasonable time under one of the contracts, and upon the question of waiver as to both of the contracts. The case went to the jury yesterday afternoon.

## WAR HERO VISITS DILLON

Major Chas. C. Taft Who Fought With French Airmen, Staying in City.

Major Chas. C. Taft, of Kentucky, is spending a while in the city. Major Taft represents a Texas Oil company and will be here several weeks. He has served in two wars and bears the marks of a battle-scarred veteran. He brought down 12 German planes and was himself wounded 12 times. His son was killed in action. The following interview from the Greensboro News will be of interest to the Dillon folk who have had the pleasure of meeting Major Taft:

"Greensboro during the past week has had in its midst one of the world war's heroic knights of the air, Charles C. Taft, who served with the French aviation corps from October, 1914, until April, 1918, came to the city the first part of the week, after completing a lecture tour throughout the south. He is looking over Greensboro and Guilford county with a view to engaging in business here.

When General von Kluck made his atrocious thrust on Paris in 1914 Mr. Taft went to France to represent an aviation firm of Los Angeles, Calif. Upon his arrival in the French capital he found the country in a direful situation; being an American of polemic tendencies he severed relations with his American firm and enlisted for service in the French air service. He was assigned to the 69th French escadrille, October 4, 1914.

He saw the Boche in their most glorious and barbarous days—their heyday. He fought them in the air at Verdun, while the French poilu was putting up one of the most gallant and immortal fights in history, also on the Somme during the allied push in 1916 and many other important sectors of the western front.

After America entered the war Mr. Taft was transferred to the American forces as major of aviation. He continued to serve actively in the air and just 12 days after his transfer to Uncle Sam's corps he was shot down on the Picardy front in April, 1918.

He says he is officially credited with having brought down 12 German planes. During his long and daring service he was wounded 12 times. He carries an abundance of silver in his anatomy. The medical department

## WEEVILS DAMAGE SQUARES.

We have received the following letter from County Agent Epps:

"In the last week's issue of The Herald I read your piece on the boll weevil and am afraid that you did not quite understand me. I did say that it is most too early for the weevil to make his appearance but meant that it was too early in this section as the weevil was not found here last year. In the sections where the weevils were plentiful the year before they very often appear soon after the cotton comes up and are found sitting in the bud. I also see that you have me quoted as saying that the weevil does not attack the squares. I certainly did not mean that for there is where the weevil does the damage. Just as soon as the squares begin to appear the female weevil punctures these squares and deposits her eggs causing the square to die and drop off. If this square is not destroyed within seven days the egg hatches and in twenty one days from the time the egg is laid we have a full grown weevil which is ready to puncture more squares. As long as there are any squares in the field the weevil will not bother the bolls and when the squares get scarce they jump on the young bolls."

## Dillon School Stands Ninth.

In the report of the standing of the high schools in the state as shown by the official rating of the State High School Inspector, the Dillon school takes ninth place. In the 1919 report the Dillon high school took 23rd place out of 25 schools, with a rating of only 18.7 units, and the position of 9th place with 21.8 units in the 1920 report makes a showing which is very gratifying to the patrons of the school. Following is the report by schools:

Name of School	Units
1. Sumter	23.3
2. Greenville	23.9
3. Columbia	23.3
4. Chester	22.7
5. Marion	22.5
6. Johnson	22.3
7. Orangeburg	21.8
8. Greenwood	21.5
9. Gaffney	21.3
10. Clinton	21.2
11. Hartsville	20.
12. Kingstree	20.5
13. Florence	20.5
14. Darlington	20.2
15. Union	20.2
16. Camden	19.9
17. Clio	19.9
18. Rock Hill	19.8
19. Bennettsville	19.6
20. Bishopville	19.5
21. Laurens	19.1
22. Honea Path	19.1
23. Dillon	18.7
24. Lanester	18.7
25. Elloree	18.1

## For Session 1919-1920.

Name of School	Units
1. Orangeburg	28.
2. Columbia	27.
3. Greenville	26.7
4. Sumter	23.7
5. Rock Hill	23.6
6. Union	23.4
7. Chester	23.2
8. Clinton	22.1
9. Dillon	21.8
10. Marion	21.7
11. Charleston	21.4
12. Camden	20.5
13. Clio	20.2
14. Gaffney	20.2
15. Darlington	20.1
16. Hartsville	20.
17. Greenwood	19.9
18. Georgetown	19.9
19. Florence	19.8
20. Bennettsville	19.7
21. Elloree	19.4
22. Bishopville	19.3
23. Cheraw	19.2
24. Bamberg	19.1
25. Laurens	19.

put a silver plate in the back of his head and one in his left hip. Several shots remain in his hip. He is a battle-scarred hero and like most men of his type, is not prone to tell about his achievements. However, when asked about his decorations, he replied laconically that he had received about as many as one man was entitled to.

Nor is he the only member of his immediate family to render conspicuous service to the French. His son, Lester, a mere lad of 17 summers, joined his father in France in 1917. After an intensive study in the art of maneuvering a fighting plane he took to the air a full fledged fighter amid the clouds. On April 1, 1917 he was detailed to contest the supremacy of the air with a Boche airman around that famous section of Arras. After a heroic fight, he was lowered to the ground by a fusillade of shots from his foe.

Death continued to deal harshly with the Taft family. During the elder Taft's stay in France his wife, known in the motion picture world as Bertha Morviel, and a small daughter, Margaret, known as "The Lubin Baby" died in this country.

Mr. Taft is a native of Kentucky. He is a son of General Moses P. Taft, U. S. A., retired during the Cleveland administration. He is the grandson of Charles Cole, of Richmond, Va., who helped defend the Virginia capital against the union army.

He served during the Spanish American war as an officer artillery. In 1909 he resigned his commission to pursue aviation. Major Taft arrived home from overseas in June, 1918, and was discharged from the army in January 1919.

## TOBACCO MARKETS OPENS TUESDAY.

Warehouse Workers are on the Ground Getting Ready for the Big Opening.

Tuesday, July 20th, has been fixed as the opening day for the tobacco warehouses in Dillon county. The other warehouses in the Pee Dee section will open the same day. The opening is about ten days late, owing to the cool spring season and the backwardness of the crop.

The workers connected with the several warehouses in the county have arrived and are busy as beavers getting things in shape for the opening day. Several loads of lugs have been sold on the Dillon market, and it is expected that tobacco will begin to arrive in big quantities by the latter part of the week.

There has been a slight increase in acreage this year and the quality of the tobacco will be better. The long wet spell last year did considerable damage to the crop and the weed was off several points in quality. The wet spell of the past few days has not damaged tobacco to any great extent, and it is claimed that it has been a help in some sections where the land was very dry.

Warehousemen are non-committal when you ask them about the prospects for high prices, but the sentiment is that prices will be higher this year. The better grades of tobacco will sell well, but there is some doubt about the lower grades selling as well as in previous years.

The following buyers will be on the Dillon market this season:

J. M. Edmonds, Danville, Va., Jno. E. Hughes & Co., Danville, Va., Dibley Bros. Danville, Va., C. Glenn Patterson, Kenbridge, Va., R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, N. C., Liggett & Myers, Durham, N. C., American Tobacco Co., Richmond, Va., Export Leaf Tobacco Co., Richmond, Va., A. C. Monk, Farmville, N. C., Cbl. J. O. W. Gravelly, New York, C. D. Noel, Rocky Mount, N. C., J. D. Holcomb, Danville, Va., J. P. Taylor & Co., Henderson, N. C.

The force at Watkins Warehouse is composed of the following gentlemen: H. J. Thompson, bookkeeper; L. L. Armitage and J. L. Britton, floor book and clip men, of Greenville, Tenn., J. R. Scott, auctioneer, of Lexington, N. C., Clyde B. Austin, buyer for W. Austin & Co., of Greenville, Tenn., will have headquarters at the warehouse.

The force at Farmer's Warehouse is composed of the following gentlemen: J. J. Winstead of Roxboro, N. C., manager; T. O. Pass, of Roxboro, bookkeeper; R. I. Featherstone, of Roxboro, floor bookkeeper; L. H. Wagstaff, of Roxboro, clip man, and J. W. Featherstone, of Roxboro, auctioneer.

The force at the Liberty Warehouse, will be composed of the following gentlemen: A. B. Mary, bookkeeper, Washington, N. C., D. L. Hardy, auctioneer, P. V. Hardy, sales manager, and Ed. Rogers, solicitor.

## BURNED TO DEATH UNDER AUTOMOBILE.

Fletcher Hutto Loses Life in Making Repairs on Car.

Norway, July 12.—J. Fletcher Hutto, one of the largest farmers and most prominent citizens of Norway section met a most tragic death. His brother, Vastine Hutto, who lives near, brought his automobile into the yard of Fletcher Hutto to have him make some minor repairs. Fletcher Hutto went underneath the car to examine some of the wires and mechanism and by some means his shirt sleeves caught fire. He backed out quickly to extinguish the fire and in getting out he overturned a can of gasoline which was sitting on the running board of the automobile; the contents of the can ran all over his back and reaching the sparks on his shirt sleeves instantly covered him with a blaze.

His brother Vastine, who was sitting in the automobile, quickly went to his assistance and was badly burned on his hands and face. Mr. Hutto was carried into his house and medical assistance summoned, but he was beyond aid and died about 2 o'clock next morning.

## PROMINENT MERCHANT KILLED WITH SHOT GUN.

W. W. Russ Came to His Death by Wounds at the Hands of Geo. Marsh.

Conway Field. Wm. W. Russ, a prominent business man of Conway, was killed by George Marsh with a shot gun today about 1 o'clock. The shooting occurred just outside of the town limits on the Dog Bluff Road near where both of the participants lived.

An inquest was immediately held by Coroner L. W. Cooper. Two witnesses besides the doctors were examined. The wound was made with a shot gun from probably about ten feet distance, the greater part of the load entering the upper left breast severing large blood vessels and carrying away the upper portion of the lung, resulting in death almost immediately.

The only eye witness was Mr. Jesse H. Jolly, father-in-law of George Marsh.

Facts sufficient to hold George Marsh for homicide were brought out by the Coroner but the full circumstances of the deplorable affair are not known. Marsh is held for trial and his attorneys are preparing papers for his enlargement from jail on bail.